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TO: CINCUSAREUR - FOR GEN CLARKE

INFO: DUSCINCEUR - FOR GEN PALMER

FROM GEN NORSTAD.

1. I concur with your operational control proposal as outlined in para 2 of your message HBG 3297, as amplified in paras 4 and 5.

2. As you know, I am opposed as a matter of principle to bypassing normal military command channels. In the specific areas which you have mentioned, however, I agree that the conditions and circumstances make an exception necessary.

3. I would like for you to work out with Watson the guidelines for the use of the command channels within the areas of responsibilities which you have outlined and inform me of your arrangements.

4. In this respect it is absolutely necessary that Palmer and I be kept well informed on Berlin developments, and communications arrangements in Berlin must be devised to this end.

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